



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 668

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AN ACT CONCERNING PRISON OVERCROWDING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section, "prisoner population of the correctional system" means the
3 number of inmates residing in the correctional system, and "prisoner
4 capacity of the correctional system" means the total prisoner capacity
5 of all correctional facilities as individually set forth in subsection (b) of
6 this section.

7 (b) The prisoner capacity of each correctional facility in this state
8 shall be as follows:

- 9 (1) Bergin Correctional Institution, 962;
- 10 (2) Bridgeport Correctional Center, 1040;
- 11 (3) Brooklyn Correctional Institution, 456;
- 12 (4) Cheshire Correctional Institution, 1,456;
- 13 (5) Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center, 1,489;
- 14 (6) Enfield Correctional Institution, 724;
- 15 (7) Garner Correctional Institution, 748;

- 16 (8) Gates Correctional Institution, 1,139;
17 (9) Hartford Correctional Center, 984;
18 (10) MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution, 2,131;
19 (11) Manson Youth Institution, 719;
20 (12) New Haven Correctional Center, 767;
21 (13) Northern Correctional Institution, 586;
22 (14) Osborn Correctional Institution, 2,094;
23 (15) Robinson Correctional Institution, 1,549;
24 (16) Webster Correctional Institution, 584;
25 (17) Willard/Cybulski Correctional Institution, 1,104; and
26 (18) York Correctional Institution, 1,553.

27 (c) Whenever the prisoner population of the correctional system
28 equals or exceeds one hundred ten per cent of the prisoner capacity of
29 the correctional system for thirty consecutive days, the Commissioner
30 of Correction shall notify the undersecretary of the Criminal Justice
31 Policy and Planning Division within the Office of Policy and
32 Management and the undersecretary shall convene a meeting of the
33 Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission not later than thirty
34 days after such notification.

35 (d) Not later than thirty days after such meeting, the commission
36 shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
37 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly on
38 judiciary setting forth the community resources that would be required
39 by the Department of Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles
40 and the Court Support Services Division to enable the release and
41 adequate community supervision of a sufficient number of nonviolent
42 offenders to reduce the prisoner population of the correctional system

43 to the prisoner capacity of the correctional system.

44 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the release
45 of any prisoner from confinement in a correctional facility who is not
46 otherwise eligible to be released.

47 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) Not later than January 1, 2009,
48 the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission shall make
49 recommendations concerning the establishment of specialized
50 programs and services for veterans of the armed forces who served in
51 time of war and who are suffering from a traumatic brain injury or
52 post traumatic stress syndrome and are incarcerated or released into
53 the community on probation or parole or pursuant to any other
54 community release, diversionary or reentry program.

55 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) In determining the suitability of
56 an inmate for release on parole, the Board of Pardons and Paroles may
57 consider whether an inmate has earned a high school equivalency
58 diploma or is taking classes toward such diploma. If an inmate is
59 taking classes toward such diploma as of such inmate's parole release
60 date, the board may require, as a condition of such parole release, that
61 such inmate continue such classes and earn such diploma.

62 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Department of Correction
63 and the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch shall
64 notify the police chief and chief elected official of a municipality every
65 thirty days of the names and addresses of the persons, if any, released
66 from confinement in a correctional facility into that municipality on
67 probation or parole or pursuant to any other community release
68 program within the previous thirty days and the support and
69 assistance that is being provided to such persons to facilitate their
70 reentry into the community.

71 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Correction shall
72 develop a policy to provide notification to the chief elected official of a
73 municipality in which a correctional facility is located, and each
74 member of the General Assembly representing such municipality, not

75 later than seventy-two hours after an assault involving inmates or an
 76 inmate and a correction officer occurs in such facility. Not later than
 77 January 1, 2009, the commissioner shall provide a copy of such policy
 78 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly on judiciary
 79 in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

80 Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2009, the
 81 Commissioner of Correction shall submit a report, in accordance with
 82 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
 83 the General Assembly on judiciary setting forth the anticipated
 84 reduction in the total prisoner population of the correctional system on
 85 and after January 1, 2010, as a result of the legislation raising the age at
 86 which a person is considered an adult for criminal law purposes.

87 Sec. 7. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The sum of ten million dollars is
 88 appropriated to the Department of Correction, from the General Fund,
 89 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose of hiring an
 90 additional two hundred correction officers.

91 (b) The Department of Correction shall assign the correction officers
 92 hired pursuant to subsection (a) of this section in such a manner as to
 93 ensure adequate staffing at all correctional facilities.

94 Sec. 8. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of five hundred thousand
 95 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Correction, from the
 96 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose
 97 of providing sufficient funds to ensure that parenting programs are
 98 available to any inmates who desire to participate in such programs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

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